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MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Principals

SUBJECT : USIB Security Committee

1. It is timely, in my view, for USIB to revamp its Security Committee, give it expanded authorities and charge it with more responsibility in security policy matters than has been the case in the past.

2. To this end, the present Security Committee has drafted a new DCID 1/11, copy of which is attached for your review. The Committee is to be supported by permanent subcommittees for technical surveillance countermeasures (replacing the present USIB TSCC), for special security compartmentation and for computer security.

3. To implement the provisions of the proposed new DCID 1/11, I consider that:

a. The Committee should be chaired by a senior officer whose background includes experience in substantive intelligence and policy matters rather than solely a security specialist. I would expect the chairman to devote two to three days per week to committee business.

b. The Committee should have a full-time secretary at the GS-15 or GS-16 grade level who possesses a strong background in security matters. I prefer that the secretary be a CIA officer since a major element of his support will be from the CIA Office of Security.

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c. The Director, Office of Security, would be the CIA member of the Committee. I would like each USIB principal to provide senior representation on the Committee, preferably at the civilian supergrade or O6 military level.

4. In order to assure continuing policy guidance to the Committee, I believe that active USIB participation is needed, and would expect the Committee chairman to seek such guidance. Close interface between the Committee chairman and the Intelligence Community Staff should enhance the chairman's awareness of policy matters calling for Security Committee attention.

5. I propose that reorganization of the Security Committee be discussed at an executive session of the USIB on 23 May. Each of you is requested to provide me at that time your concurrence and/or comments on the proposed new DCID 1/11, and I invite each of you to nominate a proposed chairman for my consideration.

SIGNED

W. E. Colby
Chairman

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Draft DCID 1/11

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